AN UPDATE ON THE EFFORT TO PASS COMMUNITY SOLAR LEGISLATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

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Sunnyside Elementary School

The Jackson Family

The Corner Store

Subscription for portion of solar production

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

Energy produced

Credit on electricity bill for energy produced

SUBSCRIBERS

Utility

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ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON COMMUNITY SOLAR LEGISLATION

- Solar organizations
- Solar businesses
- Environmental and clean energy groups
MY BACKGROUND

• Nearly 10 years as Policy Director for PennFuture

• Self-employed as environmental and conservation policy consultant

• Clients during the work week:
  
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  [Logo of PRPS: Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society]
COALITION WORK IN 2018

• Building out the coalition

• Stakeholder conversations

• Legislative discussions

• Developing initial legislative language as House Bill 2681 last session
PRIME SPONSOR AND LEAD CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 531

Rep. Aaron Kaufer (R-Luzerne)  
Rep. Donna Bullock (D-Philadelphia)  
Rep. Peter Schweyer (D-Lehigh)  
Rep. David Millard (R-Columbia)
HOUSE BILL 531

- Introduced on February 25
- Currently has 53 co-sponsors, 17 Republicans and 36 Democrats
- Referred to House Consumer Affairs Committee
- Ongoing discussions with committee members, committee staff, caucus leadership, rank and file members, other stakeholders
FORTHCOMING SENATE COMPANION LEGISLATION

Senator Mario Scavello (R-Monroe)
THESE BILLS:

• Amend the AEPS statute (Act 213 of 2004) to create a community solar program in Pennsylvania
• Carve out an exception for community solar in the AEPS net metering provisions
THESE BILLS:

- Provide for duties of EDCs, PUC, community solar organizations, and subscriber administrators of community solar programs.

- Legislative intent is for PUC to encourage broad participation of low and moderate income groups, and renters.
THESE BILLS:

• Include the transferability and portability of customer subscriptions within the same EDC territory

• Require the community solar organization to compensate the EDC for reasonable costs of interconnection

• Allow the EDC to recover reasonable costs from community solar subscribers to administer the community solar program
THESE BILLS:

- Prohibit affiliated entities from developing community solar facilities on contiguous parcels
- Encourage good land stewardship and the use of native pollinators
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COMMUNITY SOLAR LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Arnaud C. Marts Center, Room 214
Wilkes University
292 S. Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

About the Forum

Community solar dramatically expands the opportunities for residents and businesses to participate in the growing solar economy. In community solar, participants can subscribe to a portion of an offsite solar project and receive credit on their electricity bill for the power produced, just as if the solar panels were on their own roof. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted community solar programs.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is now considering legislation to create a community solar program in Pennsylvania. Come to this informative Community Solar Legislative Forum to learn more.

Participants Will Include

Rob Altenburg
Director of the PennFuture Energy Center

State Representative Aaron Kaufer
Prime sponsor of House Bill 531 that would create a community solar program in Pennsylvania

State Senator John Yudichak
Democratic Chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Matt Tripoli
Director of Project Development, Conti Solar

Dr. Ken Klemow
Professor and Chair of Biology, Certified Senior Ecologist, Wilkes University

Liz Robinson
Executive Director, Philadelphia Solar Energy Association
BUT FIRST, CHECK YOUR BRACKETS FOR JUNE MADNESS IN PENNSYLVANIA!
Thank you for inviting me!

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